

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace ¶ [0010] of the Specification as shown in U.S. Published Appln. No. 2007/0175190A1 with the following amended paragraph:

[0010] Thus according to the invention it is proposed that the vacuum cleaner bag, which is made from a non-woven material, has an at least partially closed end opposite the free closed end, the at least partially closed end being folded to form a bottom. The folding according to the present invention is so executed here that at least in areas there are plies of the bag material lying the one above the other in the bottom of the bag and these are at least partially interconnected. Due to this embodiment, stabilisation of the vacuum cleaner bag is achieved similar to that of a square bottom bag. ~~one another, stabilisation of the bottom is achieved which is sufficient to make available, even from a material which is low in flexural strength, a vacuum cleaner bag which can be provided at any point with a retaining plate and which can therefore be easily fitted into a vacuum cleaner.~~ What should be further stressed about the solution according to the invention is that the design of the retaining plate can be freely selected. With the solution according to the invention it is thus possible to attach retaining plates which not only have an opening but which are additionally provided with slides or flaps for sealing the opening. According to the present invention, it is also possible not to attach the retaining plate directly on the bottom but it can also be arranged on the longitudinal surfaces of the vacuum cleaner bag.

Please insert the following new paragraph:

[0010.1] The crucial advantage of the solution according to the invention can be seen in the fact that, due to the central weld seam and the at least partial connection of the plies folded over one another, stabilisation of the bottom is achieved which is sufficient to make available, even from a material which is low in flexural strength, a vacuum cleaner bag which can be provided at any point with a retaining plate and which can therefore be easily fitted into a vacuum cleaner. What should be further stressed about the solution

according to the invention is that the design of the retaining plate can be freely selected. With the solution according to the invention it is thus possible to attach retaining plates which not only have an opening but which are additionally provided with slides or flaps for sealing the opening. According to the present invention, it is also possible not to attach the retaining plate directly on the bottom but it can also be arranged on the longitudinal surfaces of the vacuum cleaner bag.